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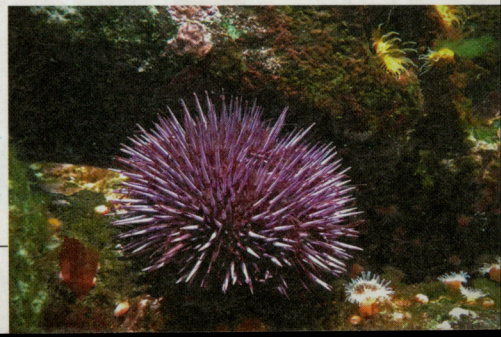
**A**hhh! Just the sight of those spiny purple creatures can send me into a panic. Once while snorkeling, my husband innocently pointed out some sea urchins, and without thinking I started climbing onto his back to keep away from those pesky monsters. He didn't appreciate my weight pushing him toward their poisonous spines!

Why do I hate them so much? When I was on a short-term mission trip, one of my fellow missionaries got stung by one. I spent hours sitting by her bed watching her purple hand swell.

Since then I've *never* been tempted to touch a sea urchin. Though I didn't experience the sea urchin's sting myself, seeing the effects of the sting has taken away any urge I might have to pet those deceptively beautiful creatures.

In a way, I hope *Guide* magazine does the same for you. When you read such stories as "The Prank" (page 16), I hope you will learn from the mistakes made by Johnny and other kids, and avoid making those same mistakes yourself.

Lori Futcher, EDITOR



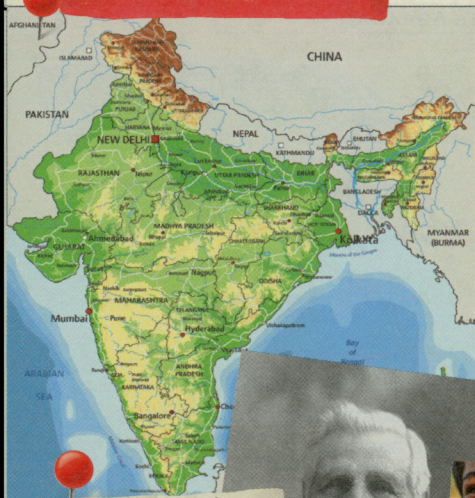




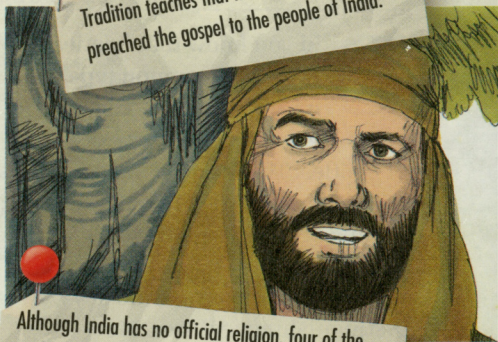
# GLOBAL ADVENTISTS

Your Church Family Around the World

## India



Tradition teaches that the apostle Thomas preached the gospel to the people of India.

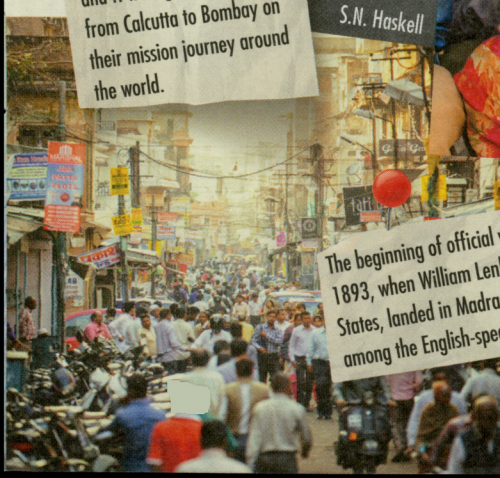


Although India has no official religion, four of the world's major religions originated in this country: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. The most recent statistics available show that 79.8 percent of the population of India are Hindu, 14.2 percent Muslim, 2.3 percent Christian, and 1.7 percent Sikh.

It is not known precisely when Seventh-day Adventist teachings were first introduced into India or when evangelism began. In 1890 S. N. Haskell and P. T. Magan crossed India from Calcutta to Bombay on their mission journey around the world.



S. N. Haskell

A vibrant, busy street scene in India, likely in a major city. The street is filled with people, many on motorcycles, and various shops and signs. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking down the street.

The beginning of official work of the Adventist Church in India dates back to 1893, when William Lenker and A. T. Stroup, two colporteurs from the United States, landed in Madras and began canvassing for Adventist subscription books among the English-speaking inhabitants of major Indian cities.





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Ladybug



# The Beetles

By BRENDA KELLER ABRAHAM

**D**id you know that beetles are the most common type of insect? It's true! There are more than 300,000 species of beetles. These hardy bugs live in all ecosystems except oceans or polar regions.

Although they resemble other insects, beetles have some key distinguishing features. Most important, their delicate flying wings are covered by a protective over-layer of hardened wings. If you've ever accidentally stepped on a bug and heard a crunch, chances are that it was a beetle!



Jewel Beetle

Dung Beetle



Scientists have found a species of dung beetle that can pull 1,141 times its own weight. This is like a 140-pound human being pulling an empty space shuttle! This feat gives *Onthophagus taurus* the prize for world's strongest insect.



Carpet Beetle



Though growing from an egg to an adult takes carpet beetles up to three years, adult carpet beetles then live only 13 to 44 days.



Though some beetles cause harm by such activities as munching on stored grains, others are important. Dung beetles clean up animal waste, jewel beetles help pollinate flowers, and ladybugs eat insect pests. Beetles are a diverse group, ranging from the microscopic .325 mm long featherwing beetle to the iridescent rainbow leaf beetle.

Because they have poor eyesight, beetles communicate through sounds, vibrations, and chemical signals.



The explosive bombardier beetle shoots a boiling, toxic spray on predators at a speed of 22 miles per hour. Separate internal chambers hold two chemicals that aren't activated until precisely the moment it shoots so that the beetle isn't harmed by carrying combustible material inside its body.

Our Creator designed the bombardier beetle's system of muscles, sensory ability, combustion tubes, enzymes, chemicals, and glands to work together correctly from the start. Studying nature shows that we can trust in God's high-tech power!



Humans eat more beetles than any other type of insect, mostly during the larvae stage. At least 300 types of beetles are considered edible in parts of the world.

Rainbow Leaf Beetle



Bombardier Beetle







# TOWER CHALLENGE

By MELISSA YEAGLE



The Bible is filled with verses about towers. In Bible times the cities were surrounded by walls and towers for protection (see 2 Chronicles 26:9; Nehemiah 3:1; Isaiah 5:1, 2; and Mark 12:1).

Proverbs 18:10 tells us that “the name of the Lord is a strong tower” and safety for the righteous. Other verses in Psalms also share that concept (see Psalm 48:3 and Psalm 61:3).

And, of course, Genesis 11:1-9 tells us the story of the Tower of Babel, which you can read more about on page 21.

In honor of these scriptures, here are three tower challenges to do with your friends.

## TALL TOWER RACE

After one person says go, each player races around the room to grab random items (books, blankets, pillows, board games, etc.). They then take the random items to build a tower. The first person to build a tower taller than themselves wins the race. Note: Be sure to put everything back where it belongs when you're done!

## GRAHAM CRACKER TOWER

For this challenge you need a box of graham crackers and a timer. Each player gets an equal number of graham crackers. Set the timer for three minutes. Each person tries to make the tallest tower they can using only graham crackers. It is OK to break up the graham crackers in any way. The person with the tallest tower at the end of the three minutes wins.

## FOOD TOWER

For this challenge you will need random food items (peanut butter, graham crackers, honey, pasta, bread, etc.), a plate for each player, and a timer. Set the timer for 10 minutes. Each player is to construct the tallest tower they can using the random food items.





# SNOW DAY SMASH

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By HANNAH KWAN, AGE 12

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## *Driving faster wasn't such a good idea.*

- It was a record-breaking cold, snowy day. I was excited to be going to a ski class with my homeschool group. My dad was even taking
- the day off from work to drive me there.

My whole family crowded into our silver pickup truck. The whole winter we had been hearing a lot about car crashes in our area because of icy roads, so my dad was quite worried and was driving really slow.

“Drive faster!” I begged, worried I would be late for my ski class.


My dad switched to the fast lane, and immediately our pickup truck went out of control. *Ahhh!* We all screamed in terror.

*Crash!* We hit the road divider and stopped. We were now facing the oncoming traffic. During our dangerous spin we could have hit the other cars that were coming and could have gotten injured, but no cars drove by us during that time. We even had enough time to drive back in the right direction before any other cars arrived.

I believe our caring heavenly Father sent our guardian angel to slow down the other cars so we wouldn't hit them and also kept us from hitting the road divider too hard. I'm very thankful for His protection. 🕊



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Lori Peckham, editor

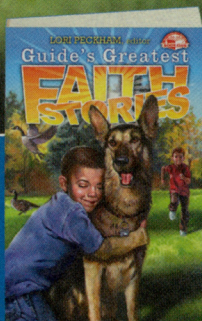
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# FIRST LADY OF FORT LAUDERDALE



## Chapter 2 of 2: "Little White Mother"

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BY ELLEN WEAVER BAILEY ❁ ILLUSTRATED BY SHANE L. JOHNSON

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*The story so far: Ivy Cromartie, who grew up as a pioneer girl in Florida in the late 1800s, is assigned to be the first teacher at the settlement of Fort Lauderdale, where she meets Frank, who proposes to her just before the end of the school year.*

Ivy and Frank's wedding took place in Ivy's parents' home very early in the morning so the newlyweds could catch the train, which left at 6:00 A.M. After a long wedding trip to North Carolina, Ohio, and Niagara Falls, they returned to Fort Lauderdale and lived in a small cottage near the store that Frank had built.

Back then it was expected that married women wouldn't work, so Ivy gave up her teaching job. But she had grown up in a large family, so she might have been

lonely if it had not been for the Native American Seminoles, especially the children. The Seminoles who traded with Frank usually stayed and camped for a couple of weeks. Frank was always friendly and was popular with the Seminoles because of his fair dealings. Some of the men became his close friends.

Ivy noticed that the children hung around, watching her closely. She opened the cottage door and smiled.

"Come in," she invited. At first,





they just smiled shyly, but before long they accepted her invitation. They were excited to explore the house, and Ivy encouraged the girls to try on her hats and to dress up in her clothes. She had always thought of Native Americans as stoic and unemotional, so she was surprised and delighted to hear them laugh out loud at their images in the mirror. She knew nothing of their language, but they knew quite a bit of English. When she tried to pronounce some of their words, the children shrieked with laughter, and she couldn't help joining in.

Seminole parents were generally opposed to book learning, but the children loved music and pictures, so Ivy taught them some children's church songs and showed them Bible pictures.

"See, this is a lamb. And here, at the bottom of the picture, is the word 'lamb.'"

"Lamb," the children repeated. And so Ivy became an unofficial teacher and missionary to the Seminole children for many, many years until a school was built on the reservation. For the rest of her life, Ivy was an advocate for the Seminoles. They gave her the name *Watchie-Esta/Hutrie*, which meant little white mother.

In 1906 she and Frank moved into the large two-story trading post. There was plenty of room to host the Seminole children, who

## Home Sweet Home

The homes that the Seminole people of southern Florida lived in were called chickees. A chickee had a raised floor, a thatched roof supported by wooden posts, and open sides. The raised floor and roof helped to keep the Native Americans dry, but the open sides helped to keep them cool in the hot weather.

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always stayed overnight when they visited the city.

A committed Christian, Ivy attended evangelistic meetings held by Allen Walker, the pastor of a new church in town that was Seventh-day Adventist. She listened closely and looked up the texts Pastor Allen mentioned.

"Frank," she said to her husband, "I'm going to Washington, D. C. I have to find out more about these things."

"Why there?" he asked.

"I'm going to visit the Library of Congress and learn all I can about these Adventist beliefs. Then I'm going to compare them with the Bible. I just have to know if they're right about the Saturday Sabbath, the state of the dead, and the investigative judgment. I've never heard of these things before."

When she returned, Ivy was baptized and remained a faith-

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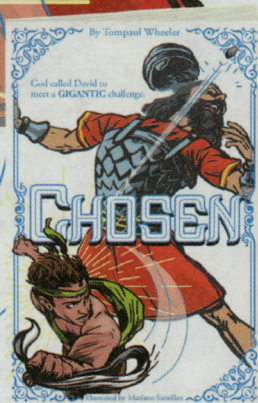
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# RUN FASTER!

By E. C. QUINN



TY DIDN'T FIND  
SCOTT'S CHEERS  
VERY ENCOURAGING.



**B**ang! The starting gun sounded, and 10 runners sprang forward. Ty's older brother, Joe, surged to the front. This was Ty's third time running the mile—four laps around the track—and Ty was nervous.

"Great start! Way to go!" Ty's mom yelled, giving a thumbs-up.

Ty ran faster, fueled by her positivity.

"Two laps to go," the official called a few minutes later.

Ty saw Joe half a lap ahead, vying for first place. *Go, Joe! Pass him!* Ty silently cheered, hoping to someday run like Joe.

"Run! Go faster," Scott, a fellow sixth grader and teammate, suddenly started screaming. But it didn't sound like he was cheering Ty on. Scott's mocking tone, jeering laughter, and sarcastic words made Ty feel as though he was being made fun of—and reminded of how slow he was.

"Run faster!" Scott continued taunting.

*I'm running as fast as I can!* Ty thought, breathing hard. Ty had felt pretty good—until now.

"One lap to go," the official called.

Ty saw Joe, neck and neck with the lead runner, sprinting toward the finish. *Go, Joe!*

"Great run," Joe said, clapping Ty on the back after the race.

"Thanks. Did you win?" Ty wheezed, his legs like noodles.

Joe just shrugged. "Not sure, photo finish," he said, and wandered off. Typical Joe—never bragging, always humble—following Jesus' example.

Scott was standing nearby.

"Why were you screaming at me?" Ty blurted angrily.

"I was *cheering*—to pump you up! You ran great!" Scott said, looking surprised.

"That's *not* cheering—that's heckling," Ty growled before stomping away.

**B**ang! Two races later Scott was running an 800-meter race—and having a hard time. Ty was tempted to scream at Scott to run faster. But then Ty looked across the infield and saw Joe cheering—the way Joe always did—and Ty knew what to do.

"Good job, Scott! You *got* this!" Ty cheered.

Glancing at Ty, Scott gritted his teeth and quickened his pace.

Suddenly Ty realized Scott was struggling this season. Track was new to both of them, but Scott didn't have a brother like Joe to show him how to act, how to cheer, how to support his team. Ty's anger slipped away. He felt bad for Scott. Ty realized his place on the team was more than what place he finished in a race—his place was also to show Scott how to be a good sport, a good teammate. Just the way Joe—and Jesus—showed Ty. **G**



# THE PRANK

*Johnny never intentionally hurt anyone.*

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BY ELFRIEDE VOLK ❖ ILLUSTRATED BY STE JOHNSON

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Johnny was a joker. Wherever you heard laughter, you knew that Johnny was there and was probably the cause of the merriment. But sometimes, amid the laughter, there were also tears.

“Johnny, I’ve had about enough of your pranks and your teasing,” Miss Williams said after another one of his young classmates at the little one-room church school had burst into tears over something Johnny had said. “How would *you* like to be teased and pranked all the time?”

“That would be great!” Johnny replied, grinning. “My mother says that people who love each other tease each other. Besides, I’m doing everyone a favor. The Bible says that laughter is like medicine, so in a way I’m giving free health care.”

At that the other pupils burst out laughing. Miss Williams just

groaned and shook her head. “Just make sure I don’t see anyone else crying again over something you said or did,” she finally said. “Because if I do, you *will* get punished.”

School had been in session for two weeks already when Miss Williams made an announcement. “Tomorrow we will have a new girl,” she said, “and I hope you will all make her feel welcome.”

“What grade is she in?” one of the other girls asked.

“She will be starting grade 1. Unfortunately, she doesn’t know any English, so you will all need to try to help her learn.


“Why doesn’t she know any English?” someone else asked.

“Erika’s parents are German immigrants,” Miss Williams explained, “and because they speak German at home, that is









the language Erika has learned too. But I'm sure she will have no difficulty picking up English from you as you play with her at recess and at lunchtime. And you could also help her immensely with her reading, once she has learned the alphabet, as the English vowels and some other letters sound different from the German ones."

The children tried, but it was hard to communicate with Erika. It wasn't just because she didn't know English that communicating was hard. As the only first grade pupil, she was much younger than the other children. She was also extremely shy, so she often sat alone. Johnny did his best to try to help the girl fit in, but his attention consisted mainly of teasing. Though she didn't understand enough English to know what was said, she realized that the laughter had something to do with her. It made her embarrassed, and her cheeks turned a bright red.

"Look," someone said. "Her face is turning the same color as her hair."

"Yes," Johnny agreed. "Can't call her carrot top anymore. Now we'll have to call her beet head."

Everyone else laughed again—everyone, that is, except for Erika. She just looked down at her desk and turned redder still.

**W**inter is severe in the north and comes early. Erika's parents did not have a vehicle, so the little girl walked to school. And as she did not have a snowsuit, Erika's mother knitted thick leggings for her and mittens that were fastened together with a cord that went through one sleeve, across the back of her jacket, and then through the other sleeve.

"Look at the mitts Erika is wearing," one of the older girls commented. "I used to have some like that when I was a baby. I didn't know people still made those."

"My grandma made some for me years ago," another girl said. "But I wouldn't be caught dead wearing them. Hey, Johnny, did you see Erika's mitts? That's the kind they used to make for babies."

Find the emoji that shows what most of Johnny's classmates thought of his pranks. It's hiding somewhere in this magazine.





By this time Erika had learned enough English to understand most of what they were saying, and she flushed again with embarrassment, to the amusement of the other children.

"I'm going to have a little fun after school," Johnny said, winking at the girls, who giggled with delight. As he was the oldest boy in the school, most of the girls had a crush on him.

"What are you going to do?" one asked.

"You'll see," he replied, grinning mysteriously.

That afternoon a cold north wind sprang up, and temperatures plummeted. Tiny flakes of snow became ice pellets, stinging as they hit. When school was out, most of the children had parents waiting for them in heated cars, but for Erika there was no one. She lingered in the cloak room, apparently looking for something she couldn't find. Finally Miss Williams said, "You have to go now. I have a meeting to go to, and I must lock up the school."

With a stifled sob, Erika left.

Miss Williams looked troubled the next morning, and Erika's seat was empty. Several other children were absent too, no doubt assuming school would be closed for the day.

"Probably playing hooky,"

Johnny whispered to his friend.

"Yeah, but isn't that what you play? Hockey?"

"I wish I were. With this deep freeze, the ice on the pond would be great for skating and shooting the puck into the net."

A few other children came in late, but Erika wasn't among them. "I wonder where our little beet head is," Johnny said, half to himself, half to his friend.

"Probably got cold feet and stayed home."

"No," Johnny said. "More likely cold hands. I thought it would be fun to take her mitts and hide them, and then with this blizzard coming on, I forgot all about giving them back to her."

He raised his hand to get Miss Williams' attention.

"Yes, Johnny. What is it?"



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# TAKE A NUMBER

## 9 FANTASTIC FAILS

By RANDY FISHELL

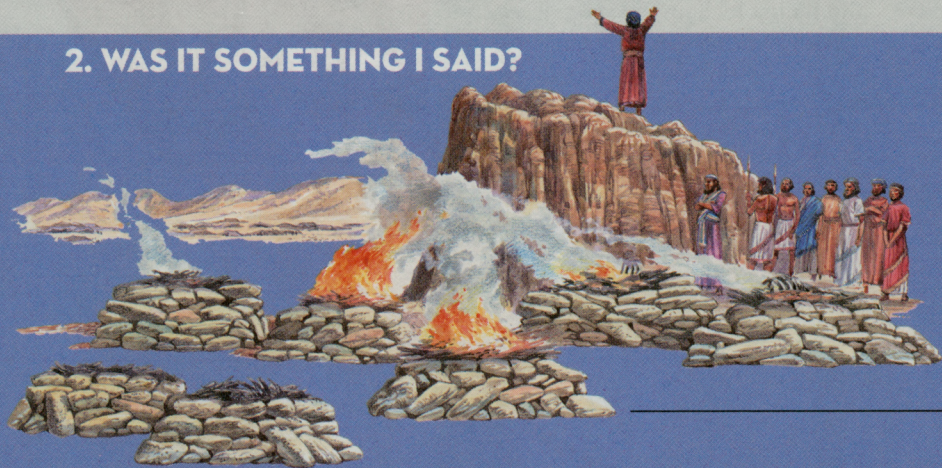


### 1. CHOP AND DROP

Donald Curry was studying climate dynamics and wished to retrieve a core sample from a Great Basin bristlecone pine tree. He got his tree-coring device into the pine tree, but he couldn't get it out. Don and a park ranger agreed they'd have a better chance of rescuing the implement if they simply cut down the tree. After the deed was done, Don was able to count the tree's rings to determine its age. As it turned out, it was 5,000 years old, which, at the time, was the oldest known tree on record. Oops.



### 2. WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?





### 3. BABBLE ON

Let's talk about the Tower of Babel. The folks in the post-Flood community wanted to build a mighty kingdom rather than spread out and populate the earth the way God intended. Building a skyscraper was a perfect fit for a trend-setting city. It was also a good way to poke God in the eye and let Him know that He wasn't needed. That's when God stepped in. First, He confused the peoples' language so the workers couldn't understand each other. Then "lightnings from heaven . . . broke off the upper portion of the tower and cast it to the ground."\* At this point quite a few of the locals figured they'd better get a move on. Today people live all around the globe and speak 6,500 languages. Call it the "Babel effect."

\**Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 120.



#### Embarrassing Legacy

"The schemes of the Babel builders ended in shame and defeat. The monument to their pride became the memorial of their folly" (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 123).

### 4. SHATTERED IMAGE

Inventor Elon Musk had just unveiled his latest creation: an electric pickup with the latest technology—including "armor" windows. Determined to prove the astonishing strength of the Tesla armor glass, Musk had chief of design Franz von Holzhausen hurl two metal balls at the truck's side windows. The balls shattered both of them. Double oops.



The instructions from King Balak of Moab were simple enough: place a curse on the children of Israel. Now the conspiring prophet Balaam stood poised for action. But things quickly went off the rails. "Balaam raised his eyes, and saw Israel encamped according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him" (Numbers 24:2, emphasis added). Suddenly, instead of pronouncing curses, Balaam "accidentally" *blessed* the children of Israel! The befuddled traitor repeated this action three times in a row! That's a bit like running for class president and announcing, "Only an idiot would vote for me." By the way, this was the same Balaam whose donkey had once scolded him. You'd think he'd consider a new line of work (Balaam, not the donkey, although the donkey may have been fed up too).

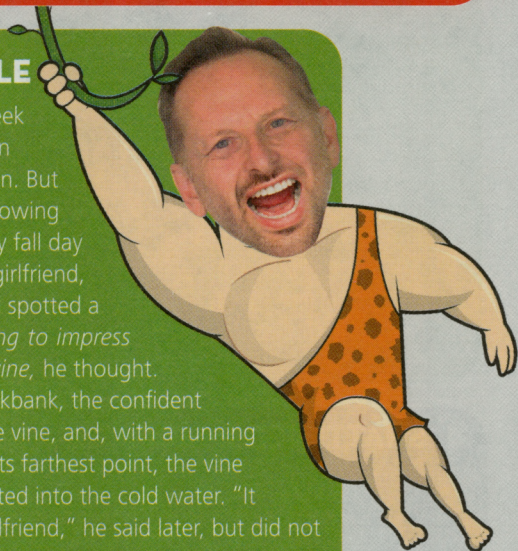


## 5. THE KNIVES COME OUT

In 2008 a woman's organization in Iran was determined to make their way into the record books by creating the world's largest sandwich. All the fixings were there—including the main filling of ostrich meat. When the big day arrived, three Guinness World Record judges were ready and waiting for the 1,000 sandwich makers to begin the process. The end result was a nearly 5,000-foot long sandwich! Unfortunately, hungry onlookers began eating the finished creation before the judges could measure it. The taste of defeat lingers to this day.

## 6. KOOK OF THE JUNGLE

The Dowagiac (duh-wah-jack) Creek in southwestern Michigan is hardly in competition with the mighty Amazon. But here and there the shallow, gently flowing creek runs deep and wide. One chilly fall day while sharing a canoe ride with his girlfriend, future *Guide* columnist Randy Fishell spotted a vine overhanging the creek. *I'm going to impress my girlfriend by swinging on that vine*, he thought. Pulling the canoe alongside the creekbank, the confident canoeist scrambled out, grabbed the vine, and, with a running start, swung out over the creek. At its farthest point, the vine snapped, and the teenager plummeted into the cold water. "It made quite an impression on my girlfriend," he said later, but did not go into detail.



CAN I  
HAVE A  
BITE?

## 7. TROUBLE IN THE CABBAGE PATCH

Back in the 1980s, there was an astonishingly popular line of dolls called Cabbage Patch Kids. One line in particular was dubbed Cabbage Patch Snacktime Kids. A metal mechanism in the dolls' mouths allowed kids to feed plastic food items to them. But when that same mouth mechanism began grabbing kids' hair and fingers, well, the Consumer Product Safety Commission stepped in. The dolls-turned-cannibals were removed from shelves once and for all. A few Snacktime Kids are still available online, but keep your pigtails and pinkies at a safe distance.







## 8. NOT-SO-HOT PLOT

Bigthan and Teresh may sound like cartoon characters, but they lived 2,500 years before the Cartoon Network came into existence. These two fellows had gotten mad at their boss, King Ahasuerus, and plotted to assassinate him. But Mordecai—the same fellow who spilled the beans about Haman and his plot against the Jews—overheard Biggie and Terry and told his cousin (Queen Esther) about the current plot. Cousin Esther informed the king, who took appropriate action. To be specific, the co-conspirators “were hanged on a gallows” (Esther 2:23), which, as you might expect, ended the threat.

## 9. A PLANE CASE OF CRAZY

In 1758 the French pastor Pierre Desforges (don't bother trying to pronounce it) had been tossed into prison for suggesting Catholic priests and bishops should be allowed to have wives—a big no-no. With plenty of time on his hands, he began studying swallows (the bird, not the way people drink). This information was probably the basis for his future experiments with human flight. In 1770 Desforges constructed a pair of wings, but he refused to try them out himself. Instead, he found a nearby peasant, attached the wings, and covered the man from head to toe in feathers. But the chicken man chickened out, leaving Desforges to try something else. After a couple of years, Desforges unveiled his latest flying machine. Four peasants helped him haul it to the top of the Tour Guinette, a lookout tower near his church. With a large crowd looking on, the peasants pushed Desforges over the edge, whereupon he promptly fell straight to the ground. The churchman suffered a broken arm, with a more serious injury occurring to his ego. **G**







# Living With Purpose

*The missionary's heart stayed where his treasure was.*

**D**avid Livingstone loved the people of Africa. After 16 difficult years as a missionary, he returned to his native Scotland to speak to the students at Glasgow University. His body was emaciated by the ravages of some 27 fevers that had coursed through his veins during the years of his service. One arm hung useless at his side, the result of being mangled by a lion. He certainly had Africa engraved in his very flesh. Nobody could doubt his love for that land, because it was expressed in more than words.

He went back to Africa, and when he died, natives removed his heart and embalmed the rest of his corpse. They carried the body to Bagamoyo and shipped it to England, where it was interred in Westminster Abbey. But his heart remained in Africa—literally. His devoted followers buried it within the roots of an old African tree, and on the bark of the tree a native carved neatly, “Dr. Livingstone, May 4, 1873.” —Adapted from Henry Feyerabend, “David Livingstone’s Heart,” *Slices of Life (Oshawa, Ont.: It Is Written, 1995)*, pp. 141, 142.

**SABBATH** Read this week’s *Real-Time Faith* story above.

**Memory Text:** “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

**Our Beliefs, no. 17, Spiritual Gifts and Ministries:** “God bestows upon all members of His church in every age spiritual gifts that

each member is to employ in loving ministry for the common good of the church and of humanity.”

Read *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, pp. 82, 83.

**SUNDAY** Read 1 Corinthians 13.

Mandy rededicated her life to Jesus last weekend and asked God to help her see the needs of others so she could help. The first person she thought of was Tanya, who had been on the receiving end of some unkind words from Mandy. There was obviously a wedge between the two, and they tried to avoid each other. This is a problem now that

Mandy has a new commitment to God.

What do you think Mandy should do or say? Should she confront Tanya and make things right with her, or wait and do something else, giving herself time to get ready for an appointment with Tanya later? What do you think Jesus would say to her?



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**LESSON 3: Christian Service**

**MONDAY** Read Romans 12:5-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 27-31; 1 Peter 4:10, 11.

God calls individuals who are willing to prepare others for service, to build up the church, and to spread the knowledge of God to all humanity. To each of us He has given talents, or spiritual gifts. These gifts help us to fulfill our calling. When we faithfully use the gifts God has given us, we become more like Him, and we will share His gifts with others so that the church will grow in faith and love.

“The little attentions, the small acts of love and self-sacrifice, that flow out from the life as quietly as the fragrance from a flower—these constitute no small share of the blessings and happiness of life” (Ellen G. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 82).

**Spiritual Gifts**

Use the words in the list below and fill in the blank spaces in the Bible passages. All the Bible texts are from the New King James Version.

- activities
- another
- apostles
- cheerfulness
- differing
- diligence
- excellent
- gifts
- good
- grace
- healings
- liberality
- miracles
- prophets
- speak
- Spirit
- stewards
- teachers
- use
- works

1. “So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts \_\_\_\_\_ according to the grace that is given to us, let us \_\_\_\_\_ them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with \_\_\_\_\_; he who leads, with \_\_\_\_\_; he who shows mercy, with \_\_\_\_\_” (Romans 12:5-8).

2. “There are diversities of \_\_\_\_\_, but the same \_\_\_\_\_. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of \_\_\_\_\_, but it is the same God who \_\_\_\_\_ all in all” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

3. “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first \_\_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_\_, third \_\_\_\_\_, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of \_\_\_\_\_? Do all have gifts of \_\_\_\_\_? Do all \_\_\_\_\_ with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more \_\_\_\_\_ way” (1 Corinthians 12:27-31).

4. “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one \_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_ of the manifold \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (1 Peter 4:10).

**TUESDAY** Read James 2:15-17.

The exercise of service is nonnegotiable for those who take the name of Christ. Jesus called us to follow His example of self-sacrificial service (Luke 9:23; John 12:26). The Bible mentions this frequently. Whether we do good deeds or ignore the needs of others, our actions will speak louder than anything we might say.

What does it mean to love others and serve them self-forgetfully? How is serving others significant to our Christian life?

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Following Jesus means having different priorities than those of the world. Instead of pursuing our personal interests, we are allowing Jesus to work in us and enable us to serve others. How are you allowing Jesus’ love to flow through your actions as you employ the gifts that He has given you to serve others?

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**WEDNESDAY** Match the text with the phrase.

You will probably need to read the entire text to find the answer. Most phrases are not taken from the beginning of the text. All of the texts are from the New International Version of the Bible. Go to BibleGateway.com.

_____	Matthew 7:9-12
_____	Matthew 23:11, 12
_____	Matthew 20:25-28
_____	1 Peter 4:7-11
_____	Proverbs 11:25
_____	Matthew 25:31-36

1. "So in everything, do to others what you would have them to do you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

2. "A generous person will prosper."
3. "For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."
4. "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."
5. "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave."
6. "If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

**THURSDAY** Review the memory text.

"Those who have sought for the development and perfection of Christian character by exercising their faculties in good works will, in the world to come, reap that which they have sown. The work begun upon earth will reach its consummation in that higher and holier life to endure throughout eternity" (Ellen G. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 83).

Your call to serve others is a gift from God to you. A gift? Every time we put others first and spend ourselves to help or serve someone else, it reminds us of the way God reaches out to us. The work of service is one of God's great activities for shrinking our sinful nature and growing our kingdom qualities.

Learning to think of others is a journey. It is born from your love for God and your desire to help others. Little by little, as you practice service, it changes you.

What makes service an act of love? How does Jesus' self-sacrificial life of love for our world help us to have the right motives when we serve others?

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**FRIDAY** Think about some practical ways you can help and serve others around you.

Use the questions below to guide you in writing about your plan for service.

1. What needs can you meet?

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2. How can you use the gifts and talents God has given you to help encourage and serve someone?

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3. List practical things you can do to help someone.

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4. What did you decide to do, and how will you put your plan into practice?

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## “First Lady of Fort Lauderdale,” from p. 12

ful church member for the rest of her life. At home she never served red meat, and she herself was a vegetarian. On Sabbaths she went to church in the morning, then visited the sick and elderly in the afternoon. Frank never accepted Adventist beliefs, and she never tried to force them on him.

The hurricane of 1926 caused a lot of damage to Fort Lauderdale and crippled the commercial landscape. Frank’s health and spirits both declined. By early 1929 his many enterprises were suffering severe setbacks. Unable to cope, he died by suicide.

Ivy was heartbroken. While it was tradition for widows to wear black for a year, she wore black for more than 10 years. Now she had to deal with financial prob-

lems while struggling with grief. But she also had an iron will and a determination to make Fort Lauderdale a better place. She began to rent out rooms in the house, and later rented out the ground floor as a restaurant.

She became active in local and national causes, including temperance, voting rights for women, and humanitarian activities. She also became the first principal of the church’s school in town. She lived until 1971 and is buried beside her husband. Ivy is celebrated as the “First Lady of Fort Lauderdale.” It is, in part, because of her tireless efforts that Fort Lauderdale is the city it is today. Ⓞ

*(Series concluded.)*

## “The Prank,” from p. 19

“Where is Erika today? I have something of hers that I want to give back.”

“I’m afraid you won’t be able to for a while,” Miss Williams said. “She’s in the hospital.”

“The hospital?” several of the children chorused. “Why? What happened?”

“She lost her mittens and froze her hands walking home yesterday. She may also lose some of her fingers.”\*

Johnny stumbled out of the classroom so that the other children would not see the beads

welling up in his eyes and rolling down his cheeks. He pulled a pair of old-fashioned mittens out of his pocket and hung them up by the jackets. Then he sat on the floor in the corner of the cloakroom, crying and praying that Erika would be OK.

And he determined, with God’s help, to get his teasing and pranking under control. Ⓞ

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*\*Erika’s hands healed, but the nailbeds of her pinky fingers were so damaged that she couldn’t grow nails there anymore.*



# Found Out and Forgiven

*How did David respond when his sin was exposed? Have you ever asked God to forgive you? What lessons can you find in this story about God's forgiveness?*

**K**ing David and Israel had won the battle with the Ammonites. David had married Bathsheba [bath-SHE-buh], and they were going to have a baby. For a while David thought that he was still the same wise and powerful ruler he had always been. He had covered up his adultery with a murder. Nobody but Joab, Bathsheba, and he seemed to know.

David's attempt at covering up his sin was dishonoring God. Yet God loved David too much to let him continue on the evil path he was on. God chose Nathan, a prophet, to take the message to David. Nathan was brave to take a message of reprimand to a king who could have him killed. God impressed Nathan to start with a story that would awaken David's sympathy.

He told a story about a poor man

and a rich man. "The poor man had a pet lamb that was almost like a daughter to him. He fed the lamb from the table, let it drink from his own cup, and even let it sleep on his bed at night. A certain rich man lived nearby.

"Now a traveler came to the rich man," said Nathan, "but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him" (2 Samuel 12:4).\*

As Nathan had hoped, David was angry about the actions of the man in the story. "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die!" David proclaimed. "He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and



had no pity” (verses 5, 6).

Nathan looked David straight in the eye. “You are the man!” (verse 7). Then he delivered the message God had sent to David. “This is what the Lord says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you’” (verse 11).

David responded the way God had hoped he would. “Then David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the Lord’” (verse 13). He immediately saw how much his actions had hurt Uriah, Bathsheba, Joab, and all the people of Israel. Most important, he had hurt God, the one who had chosen him and blessed him all of these years. David was truly sorry.

David himself had passed sentence on the rich man in the story: a death for a death. But Nathan assured the king of God’s forgiveness. He said, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the Lord, the son born to you will die” (verses 13, 14).

David was heartbroken. He grieved. He fasted. He took off his royal garments and lay down on the ground and cried before God to spare the child. Again and again his advisers came and begged him to get up and eat with them, but he would not. Then the baby died.

The servants were afraid to tell David. They tiptoed around and whispered. David noticed, and finally asked, “Is the child dead?”

“Yes, sir, he is dead,” the servants answered hesitantly.

David could have gone on mourning. He could have gone on feeling guilty for what he had done to so many people and to God. But David

knew God. He knew that God had forgiven him. David got up, took a bath, put on his royal clothes, and asked for some dinner.

The sad results of David’s sin would never go away even though God had forgiven him. Along with the many setbacks, however, David learned the most important lesson. He learned to trust God, who would help him overcome his selfish tendencies.

Unlike King Saul, who had hardened his heart, David humbled himself and confessed his sins. He returned to God with sincere regret in his heart.

King David learned that God was his only source of wisdom and power. True to His promise, God forgave David and restored to him the joy of salvation. One day God would bless David and Bathsheba with another baby, who would be loved by God. Solomon would be the wisest king who ever lived.

King Solomon learned at a young age the importance of trusting in God. He wrote: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5, 6, NIV).

David’s story serves as an example to us. There is no sin that is insignificant or unknown to God. We are on dangerous ground when we rely on our own wisdom and neglect spending time with God in prayer and Bible study. It is when we trust in the Lord with all our heart, as Solomon wrote, that we will experience the joy of salvation that God has promised to all who believe in Him.



Sabbath

**DO** Do this week's activity at [guidemagazine.org](http://guidemagazine.org).

Sunday

**READ** Read Psalm 51:1-10 and this week's lesson, "Found Out and Forgiven."

**CREATE** Create a mask and write the power text on it from right to left with each letter backwards. Attach string so you can put it on and look at yourself in the mirror. (The text should be readable in the mirror.)

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Confess your sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

Monday

**READ** Study Psalm 51:11-19.

**MARK** Underline the parts that are meaningful to you.

**THINK** Do you think David felt forgiven in this part of his prayer? Which verses support your answer?

**SHARE** Encourage someone who is weighed down with guilt. Tell that person about God's forgiveness.

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Pray the verses from Psalm 51.

Tuesday

**READ** Study Psalm 32:1-4.

**THINK** Have you ever felt guilty about something?

**WRITE** In your Bible study journal, describe how you felt when the Holy Spirit prompted your conscience that something you had done needed to be forgiven.

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Ask God to forgive your sins and shortcomings.

Wednesday

**READ** Study Psalm 32:6, 7.

**SING** Sing "You Are My Hiding Place" (*He Is Our Song*, no. 96).

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Praise God for His enduring love and protection.

Thursday

**READ** Study Psalm 32:8, 9.

**WRITE** In your Bible study journal, write about why a horse needs a bridle. Contrast this concept with following God willingly.

**REVIEW** Review the power text.

**PRAY** Ask God to help you be obedient.

Friday

**READ** Study Psalm 32:10, 11.

**THINK** Do you think the words "the one who trusts," "righteous," and "upright in heart" refer to people who have never done anything wrong or to people who have accepted forgiveness? Explain your answer in your Bible study journal.

**REJOICE** The word "rejoice" can mean to feel joy or great delight. Think of your favorite way to express joy. Do something joyful to bring some cheer into someone's life.

**REPEAT** Share aloud the power text from memory.

**PRAY** Ask God to help you be forgiving to others.

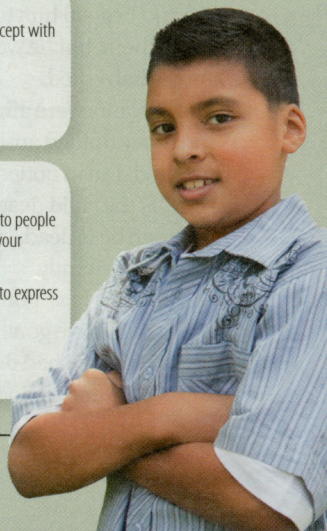
Key References: 2 Samuel 12; *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 720-726; *The Bible Story* (1994), vol. 4, pp. 99-102; *Our Beliefs*, nos. 10, 18, 23.

**POWER POINT**

Because God has forgiven us, we forgive ourselves and others.

**POWER TEXT**

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you" (Matthew 6:14, NIV).





AFTER KING DAVID HAS KILLED URIAH AND MARRIED HIS WIFE, THE PROPHET NATHAN VISITS DAVID—AND TELLS HIM A STORY.

There were two men: one rich and one poor.



The rich man had many sheep and cattle, but the poor man had only one little lamb.

He and his family loved and cared for his lamb.

One day the rich man had a guest. The rich man took the lamb from the poor man and cooked it for his guest.

DAVID IS FURIOUS AT NATHAN'S STORY.

The rich man deserves to die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing without pity.



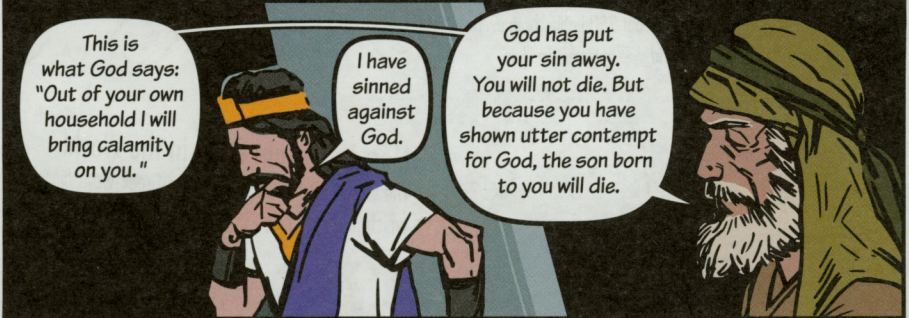
You are the man! Why did you despise God's Word by doing evil?

You killed Uriah and took his wife. Now, as a result, the sword will never depart from your house.

This is what God says: "Out of your own household I will bring calamity on you."

I have sinned against God.

God has put your sin away. You will not die. But because you have shown utter contempt for God, the son born to you will die.



DAVID'S NEWBORN SON FALLS ILL AND DIES.

DAVID COMFORTS BATHSHEBA, AND THEY HAVE ANOTHER SON, WHO WILL GROW UP TO BE THE GREAT KING SOLOMON.

MORE NEXT WEEK!







# The FACTORY

## Big Money

The largest bills ever printed were \$100,000 gold certificates featuring a picture of Woodrow Wilson. They were created during the Great Depression for conducting official transactions between Federal Reserve banks. —investopedia.com



## One Smart Crab

Common shore crabs can navigate their way around a complex maze and can remember the route in order to find food, even two weeks later. —sciencedaily.com

## Baby boom

There are, on average, about 250 babies born every minute around the world. —theguardian.com



## Most Important Book in the World

The word "Bible" comes from the Greek word *biblia*, which means simply "books." —amazingfacts.org

## Melt Zone

A bison's thick, shaggy coat is so well insulated that snow settling on it won't melt. —animals.nationalgeographic.com

